

**PLANNING and ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
JUNE 17, 2014**

The Planning and Administration Committee met on Tuesday, June 17, 2014 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building, beginning at 2:47 p.m. Ms. Summers, Committee Chair, presided.

**Members Attending:**

Debra B. Summers, Chair  
James E. Kinard, Jr.  
William B. Banning, Sr.

M. Kent Collins, V Chairman  
M. Todd Cullum

Council Chairman is a member of all Committees.

Also attending: Joe Mergo, III, County Administrator; Chris Folsom, Deputy County Administrator; Randy Poston, Chief Financial Officer; Jeff Anderson, County Attorney; other staff members, citizens of the county and representatives of the media.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to radio and television stations, newspapers, posted on the County of Lexington website and bulletin board located in the lobby of the Lexington County Administration Building.

**Regional Transit Needs Assessment & Feasibility Study - Community Development - Synithia Williams/Development Administrator** - Ms. Williams presented an update on the Regional Transit Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study also referred as the Rural Transit Study with a Power Point presentation. She reported on February 5, 2014 Lexington County signed an agreement with the Central Midlands Council of Government (CMCOG) to provide \$12,500 toward a \$125,000 Rural Transit Study. CMCOG, Richland County and the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) will fund the remainder of the \$125,000. A consulting firm will conduct the study to include a project advisory committee that will assess the Midlands' areas not currently served by public transit services creating a plan with recommendations for various levels of service from 2015 through 2040 especially in Lexington County. Ms. Williams said there are currently only two routes in Lexington County, Route 26 Lexington Medical Center - West Columbia/Cayce, Route 28 Midlands Technical College - Cayce/Springdale, Dial-A-Ride Transit (DART) Service in addition to a midday pilot route started in November. The numbers of riders reported from November 2013 through April 2014 were Route 26 at 5,566 and Route 28 at 6,570 including the midday pilot route. Ms. Williams said the study will be presented to Council upon its completion. For information only, no action taken.

**Old Business/New Business** - None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee  
Assistant to the Clerk

Debra B. Summers  
Chair

Diana W. Burnett  
Clerk